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SUBJECT: IDF ANTI TERRORIST OPERATIONS AND LEBANESE
REACTION

1. DURING SEPT 4 BRIEFING ON IDF OPERATIONS ALONG
LEBANESE BORDER, ARMA RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMATION
FROM HIGH-RANKING IDF SOURCE WITH DIRECT ACCESS THERETO.

2. IDF AND LEBANESE ARMY OFFICERS MEET PERIODICALLY
AT ROSH HANIQRA FOR DISCUSSIONS WHICH USUALLY FOCUS
ON IDF ANTI-TERRORIST OPERATIONS IN LEBANON AND ON THE
LEBANESE ARMY REACTION TO IDF PATROLS. THE IDF IS
INFORMED OF LEBANESE ARMY POSITIONS AND PATROL
ROUTES, THEREBY MINIMIZING THE POSSIBILITY OF DIRECT
CONFRONTATION BETWEEN LEBANESE AND ISRAELI FORCES.

3. THE IDF REALIZES THE SENSITIVE POSITION OF THE
LEBANESE ARMY VIS A VIS THE PLO AND UNDERSTANDS THAT
THE LEBANESE MUST "REACT" TO IDF OPERATIONS INSIDE
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LEBANON. AN "UNWRITTEN AGREEMENT" HAS BEEN REACHED,
HOWEVER, WHEREBY THE REACTION WILL NORMALLY CONSIST
OF TWO ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE DIRECTED AGAINST THE
IDF PATROL, WITH A MISS DISTANCE OF 500 METERS. IF

THE LEBANESE ROUNDS LAND TOO CLOSE TO THE PATROL, THE IDF ARTILLERY UNDERTAKES COUNTER-BATTERY FIRE AS A "REMINDER". THE IDF RETURN FIRE IS APPARENTLY ALSO DESIGNED TO MISS ITS TARGET, UNLESS THE IDF PATROL IS ACTUALLY ENDANGERED BY LEBANESE ARTILLERY IN WHICH CASE THE IDF DIRECTS ACCURATE FIRE DESIGNED TO DESTROY THE ARTILLERY.

4. THE IDF IS NOT MAKING PUBLIC DISCLOSURES OF ALL TERRORIST ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE ISRAEL FROM LEBANON. FOR EXAMPLE, SINCE AUG 21 EIGHT TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND FIVE CAPTURED, WHEREAS IDF SPOKESMAN HAS ANNOUNCED ONLY FIVE KILLED WITH NO MENTION OF CAPTIVES. ARMA SOURCE SPECIFIED THAT WITHIN PAST WEEK A TERRORIST SQUAD OF ONE OFFICER AND TWO MEN HAD SURRENDERED. INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS HAD BEEN DELIBERATELY WITHHELD FROM THE PRESS SO THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THEM THREE CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO EFFECTIVE IDF ACTION. RECENT IDF AIR AND COMMANDO RAIDS INTO LEBANON WERE BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM CAPTURED FEDAYEEN. (NOTE: DURING BRIEFING ARMA OBSERVED DETAILED MAP OF PLO LOCATIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON DISPLAYING UNIT POSITIONS AND ORGANIZATION DOWN TO SECTION SIZE.)

5. ARMA SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT TERRORIST SQUADS ARE CURRENTLY BEING DISPATCHED ON INFILTRATION MISSIONS WITH VERY LITTLE TRAINING. THEY ARE YOUNG AND ARE NOT NATIVE TO SOUTHERN LEBANON, COMING RATHER FROM SYRIA, JORDAN, OR THE BEIRUT AREA. INTERROGATION OF INFILTRATORS HAS REVEALED THAT THEY APPARENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN TARGETED AGAINST SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES IN ISRAEL. THEY ARE RATHER GIVEN VAGUE INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBUSH AND CAPTURE A VEHICLE AND THEN MOVE TO A POPULATED AREA WHERE THEY ARE TO KILL AS MANY ISRAELIS AS POSSIBLE. SQUADS ARE ARMED WITH AK-47 RIFLES, RIFLE GRENADES (BOTH ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-SECRET

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PERSONNEL), HAND GRENADES AND EXPLOSIVES.

6. COMMENT: ABOVE DISCUSSION DID NOT REVEAL WHETHER OR NOT UNTSO IS AWARE OF, OR PARTICIPATES IN, MEETINGS BETWEEN LEBANESE AND IDF OFFICERS. TOON

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